What the phrase ‘Son of God’ actually means in John 20:31

Many sincere people have wrongly assumed the word ‘Son’ in the phrase ‘Son of God’ is referring to, or denoting a parent-child relationship.

The word “Son” in the phrase ‘Son of God’ does not mean what most people think it means.

In the Bible, the word ‘son’ has several definitions.

One of these definitions refers to biological descent, or “the descent from parent to child.” In today’s culture, this is the definition most people think of.

In the Jewish culture however, the word ‘son’ is often used to mean ‘a human being’. The word “son” in the Bible is a ‘Semitic idiom’ meaning “human being” or “mortal.”

For example, in Ezekiel 2:1 the word ‘Son’, in the term ‘Son of Adam’ is referring to being ‘a human made of flesh’, and is not referring to a parent-child relationship.

In the term the ‘Son of David’, the word ‘Son’ is referring to the ‘flesh’ of David according to geneology, and is not referring to a parent-child relationship.

In the term ‘Son of Man’, the word ‘Son’ is used to denote a human being and is referencing Yahshua’s humanity; it is not referring to a parent-child relationship.

In the term ‘Son of God’, the word ‘Son’ is referring to the humanity of God. It is used to denote The Almighty Father came to us as a human being made of flesh; it is not referring to a ‘parent-child’ relationship.

The word “Son” in the term “Son of God”, does not imply, suggest or convey the meaning that Yahshua is the offspring of God as in a parent-child relationship.

The word ’Son’, in the term ‘Son of God’, is describing Yahweh, The Almighty Father coming to us as a human being born of flesh. The Almighty Father ‘in human flesh’ was ‘called’ the ‘Son’ of God.

In like manner, the word “Son” as used by the Apostle John in John 20:31, is a ‘Semitic idiom’ and is not referring to a child, or to a parent and child relationship.

> *“but these are written that you may believe that Jesus (Yahshua) is the Christ (Messiah), the **Son** of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”*
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In John 20:28, John tells us that he was present when Yahshua appeared to them and said to Thomas, *“Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don’t be faithless any longer. Believe!”*

> *“And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”*

When the the Apostle John said in John 20:31, *“but these are written that you may believe that Yahshua is the Messiah, the **Son** of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”* John was using the word “Son” in the form of a ‘Semitic idiom’ used in the Jewish culture to denote “a human”.

The Apostle John is telling us that Yahshua Messiah came to us as God in human flesh as man. John was not using the word “Son” to denote Yahweh’s child, as in a parent and child relationship.

Understanding the meaning of the word “Son” when used as a ‘Semitic idiom’ is crucial for grasping the true meaning of John’s words.